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Dear Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated June 27, 2003, Applicant selects the species of isoflavone aglycone upon which claims 1 to 7 are readable. Applicant makes this election of species with the expressed intent of not abandoning his invention contained in the other claims and expressly reserves the right to take whatever other action is necessary to preserve his invention contained in the other claims.

Applicant further respectfully and retroactively requests a two-month extension of time so as to respond to the Office Action. Please charge Deposit Account No. 11-1445 in the sum of \$410.00 as the fee.

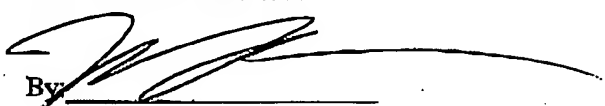
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